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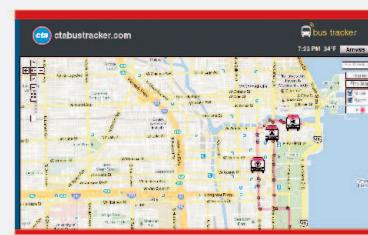


**Describe MTV's 'Jersey Shore' in 5 words or less.**

**Kleinberg:** An insult to New Jersey.

**Fernatt:** I'm buying a Bump-It.

**Paige Worthy (@palgeworthy):** Not even worth five words.



**Wicker Park stores get Bus Tracker flat screens. What other screens should be installed?**

**Kleinberg:** Mosquito nets.

**Fernatt:** CTA privacy screen; sometimes ear buds just aren't enough.

**Ian O'Dea (@iaman):** Forget screens. Why don't we have a Train Tracker yet?



**15.9 percent of 10th graders use marijuana. What are the other 84.1 percent doing?**

**Kleinberg:** Watching "Jersey Shore."

**Fernatt:** Graduating.

**Matthew Bartosik (@polomex):** Lying.

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**TODAY'S FORECAST**

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# THE HIGHS, LOWS

Teen pot use up, binge drinking down

**Associated Press**

**DETROIT** Smoking marijuana is becoming even more popular among U.S. teens, and they have cut down on smoking cigarettes, binge drinking and using methamphetamine, according to a federal survey released Monday.

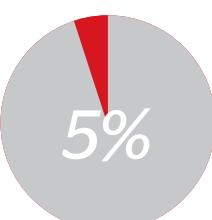
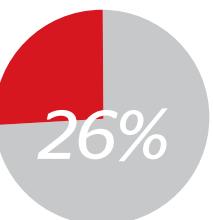
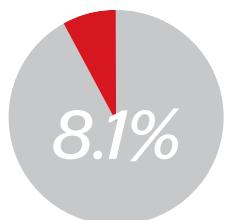
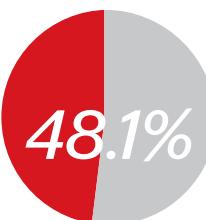
More teens also are getting high on prescription pain pills and attention-deficit drugs, according to eighth, 10th and 12th graders surveyed by the University of Michigan for the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

The increase of teens smoking pot is partly because the national debate over medical use of marijuana can make the drug's use seem safer to teenagers, researchers said. In addition to marijuana, fewer teens also view prescription drugs and Ecstasy as dangerous, which often means more could use those drugs in the future, said White House drug czar Gil Kerlikowske.

The "continued erosion in youth attitudes and behavior toward substance abuse should give pause to all parents and policy-makers," Kerlikowske said.

"These latest data confirm that we must redouble our efforts to implement a comprehensive, evidence-based approach to preventing and treating drug use," Kerlikowske, the director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, said in remarks prepared for his Monday speech at the National Press Club in Washington.

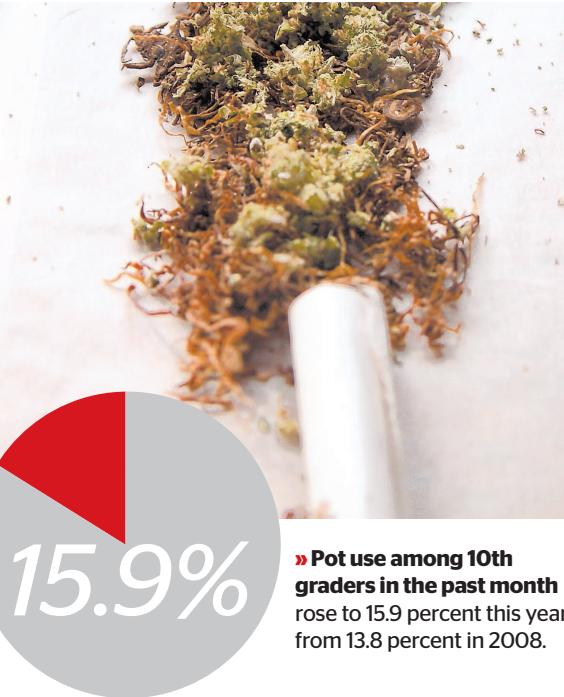
Marijuana use, while well off peak levels of the late 1990s, has edged up. According to the study of 47,097 students, among this year's 12th graders, 20.6 percent said they used it within the past month, compared with 19.4 percent in 2008 and 18.3 percent in 2006. Here's a look at seven other findings from the survey.



» The percentage of eighth-graders who saw a "great risk" in occasionally smoking marijuana fell from 50.5 percent in 2004 to 48.1 percent in 2008 and 44.8 percent this year.

» **Cigarette use patterns** showed a continuation of the dramatic drop from a decade ago. In 1997, 19.4 percent of eighth graders reported smoking within a month. That fell to 6.8 percent last year and 6.5 percent this year. The rate for 12th graders dropped from 36.5 percent in 1997 to 20.1 percent this year.

» Use rates of both prescription narcotics rose among this year's **10th graders, with 8.1 percent saying they had used Vicodin in the past year** compared with 6.7 percent of the same grade in 2008. For OxyContin, the figure rose to 5.1 percent from 3.6 percent.



## Google has a phone in the works

### Bloomberg

Google's development of a mobile phone that uses its Android operating system marks a new push by the company to take on Apple and Research In Motion in the smart-phone market, analysts said.

Google, the most popular Internet search engine, last week gave employees an Android handset for testing. The device has a touch screen like the iPhone, and users can search the Web by speaking search terms.

Google is focusing on the mobile market as growth in its search-advertising business on desktop computers slows. Phone makers such as Motorola and HTC already offer handsets that run on Google's Android operating system. Having its own device gives Google more control over how the hardware and software work together, and intensifies competition for Apple, said Ben Schachter, an analyst at San Francisco-based Broadpoint AmTech Inc.

"If all of a sudden everyone is getting on the Internet via their mobile device, Google needs to make sure it has an influence on that," Schachter said. "They need to make sure they have influence on how the mobile Web will develop."

The Android phone, made by Taoyuan, Taiwan-based HTC, may be available for consumers as early as next year, the Wall Street Journal reported. No carrier has been officially announced for the device.

### MORE ONLINE

Read about what news of a Google phone could mean for other mobile devices at [redeyechicago.com/iphone](http://redeyechicago.com/iphone).



### A BOOST

If the handset sells well, it would push more people to use Google when searching from their phones, said Aaron Kessler, an analyst with Kaufman Brothers in San Francisco.

The number of mobile searches grew 30 percent in the third quarter from the previous three months, Google Chief Executive Officer Eric Schmidt said.

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#### RIDER'S BLOCK

My pledge to ride every CTA bus line continues. I rode the No. 30-South-Chicago last week and boiled my review down to 140 characters, the size of a Twitter tweet. Check out photos from the ride and past bus rides at [redeyechicago.com/busride](http://redeyechicago.com/busride).

#### @tracyswartz

67 mins from 69th St. Red Line stop to Hegewisch. Construction along route includes new Greater Grand Crossing library, set to open in 2010.

**Next up:** No. 10-Museum-of-Science-and-Industry.

#### CORRECTION

RedEye's cover story Friday about Second City incorrectly stated that alum Fred Willard appeared in "WKRP in Cincinnati."

# Technically, CTA is working on it

Want to know where your CTA bus is at? There's a map for that.

Jacob Paul of River North said his software company, Krueger Systems, is releasing an iPhone application that lets CTA riders track exact CTA bus locations on an interactive street map.

Paul, 28, said the app pulls the GPS feed from the bus' real-time location. Krueger recently released a similar app for the Seattle bus system. He said he hopes the Chicago app, which is called "CTA Bus Map," becomes available in early January (projected price: \$4.99).

In the meantime, "Going Public" answers your technology-related questions.

#### Screen gems

I noticed the shiny new flat screens at the Clark and Lake station and thought, "Hmmm, wouldn't they be more useful if they displayed relevant content, like, oh say, time of next arriving train rather than all those ads?" Any idea why the CTA has chosen not to do this? How many lines/stops have the flat screens? —JEANETTE PESNIKOV, 34, NAPERVILLE

The CTA said 17 rail stations on six rail lines are equipped with digital platform displays. From January through April 2009, next train arrival information was provided on displays as part of a pilot. But during evaluation of the pilot the CTA found that once the arrival time estimate was made, there was a delay of up to a few minutes before the information was displayed on the screen.

"CTA wants to provide estimated arrival times that are as accurate as possible. As a result, CTA removed next train arrival information so it could determine the cause of the problem," CTA spokeswoman Katelyn Thrall said in an e-mail.

Thrall said CTA personnel also are evaluating other methods to produce train arrival information, including the possible use of GPS technology in conjunction with other wireless technologies.

#### I want to use my iPhone

Do you know what the story is on why AT&T has not rolled out their service in the subway yet? The announcement was made in June and still no service. —ANDREW REMENSCHNEIDER, 27, SOUTH LOOP

The transit board in June approved a contract with AT&T to provide service in the Red and Blue Line subways. Service was expected to begin by the end of the year. The CTA said AT&T is still installing its equipment in CTA subways. Once all of the equipment is installed, it must be tested before it can be activated, according to the CTA.



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# SILENT TREATMENT

## 'NO SNITCHING' MENTALITY HINDERS POLICE

**Chicago Tribune**

Malcolm Robinson remembers the moment he stopped trusting police and got schooled in the street code of snitching. He was 5.

His father had been pulled over by an officer who asked the young Robinson, "Do your daddy got a gun in the car?" And I said, yes," Robinson, 16, recalled. "He tricked us."

Although his father talked his way out of the situation, he warned his son, "You could have sent me to jail," Robinson said.

That early encounter shaped Robinson's relationship with police. It instilled the notion that telling "the law" other people's business was "snitching," and snitching was wrong.

Teens say they won't talk to law enforcement for a variety of reasons. Sometimes they know the person suspected of a crime and fear reprisal, or have a criminal history of their own. Sometimes they're just scared and mistrustful of police. The stigma of being a "snitch" has become a serious obstacle to solving crimes, police say.

Recent cases of violent crimes against juveniles highlight the problem. On Saturday, Mayor Daley called the lack of information from the community "unacceptable" after 12-year-old Jahmesha Conner was missing for two weeks before her body was found discarded in an alley.

And months after the beating death of Fenger High School student Derrion Albert was caught on tape and garnered worldwide attention, no one has come forward to identify three suspects who remain at large. Four teens have been charged with being the "main offenders" involved in the case, according to police. Charges against one teen were dropped. Chicago Police Supt. Jody Weis blamed the community for that misstep, saying witnesses took too long to come forward to identify the correct offender.

There is not a "sense of community and civic urgency" to share information with police, Weis said at the time, lamenting the "code of silence."

"As with all things involving teenagers, it's exaggerated. But we do a disservice to write it off as a teenage fad or address it solely as a ques-

**35.5%**

In 2008, only 35.5 percent of homicides in Chicago were solved, according to police, who say the best way to close cases without significant forensic evidence is to get people to talk.

tion of pop culture," said Alexandra Natapoff, a Loyola Marymount law professor and author of the book "Snitching: Criminal Informants and the Erosion of American Justice." "It's a deep dysfunction in communities. This is an age-old question of trust."

"There is a strong wall being built where kids will not come forward with information ... and it literally is killing us," Weis said. "A lot of times we'll have victims who are shot, and they refuse to cooperate with us because they're going to go out and find a gun and extract street justice on their own."

Weis, a former FBI official, was appointed by Mayor Daley in late 2007 to restore faith in a department that in recent years had been plagued with officer misconduct, corruption complaints and scandals involving rogue cops accused of beating citizens.

John Fountain, a professor of journalism at Roosevelt University who grew up on the West Side, said he understands why many young people in tough neighborhoods are reluctant to cooperate with police.

"I don't think police are inherently bad, but they contend with people who have memories of being harassed by cops," said Fountain, who has written on the topic. "People who have witnessed police complacency and a trail of broken promises simply don't trust the authorities enough to come forward."



## What's at stake

The stigma associated with snitching is nearly as powerful as physical threats, said Julie Whitman the author of a study, "Snitches get Stitches."

"Being labeled a snitch carries a price," she said. "Not just of potential violence, but ostracism by neighbors and peers."

Ignacio Lopez, whose stepson Luis Garcia was gunned down in South Chicago last month, said police "encourage you to talk anonymously, but end up exposing you. Then the bad guy will learn who told and come knock on your door."

In order to get people to come forward,

police have to repair relationships and build a level of trust with the community, experts say.

One method law enforcement agencies have adopted is accepting anonymous tips via text message. Chicagoans have been text-messaging tips to police since last fall. From January through Oct. 31 of this year, police received 871 tips, which led to 18 arrests.

Tech-savvy techniques aside, experts say little is likely to change until police show residents the link between the lack of witness testimony and pervasive neighborhood violence. **TRIBUNE**



Malcolm Robinson (left, with brother Charles and friend Deontea Jones) says he learned about the code of snitching when he was 5. ABEL URIBE/TRIBUNE

# Origins of the no-snitch attitude

## Chicago Tribune

It would be simple to claim the anti-snitching philosophy is confined to impoverished neighborhoods. But the streets are not the only place ruled by an "us vs. them" credo. Children are taught in kindergarten not to tattle, several experts noted. Cops don't cross the "blue line" to turn in fellow officers, and the official policy for dealing with homosexual in the military is "don't ask, don't tell."

In crime-ridden neighborhoods, abiding by the anti-snitching principle is akin to a "code of honor," said Mitru Ciarlante, director of the youth initiative for the National Center for Victims of Crime. There's also a sense among teens that adults can't keep them safe. "If they don't disclose fear to anyone, they live with it and it becomes normalized," she said.

Malcolm Robinson, a junior at Fenger High School, acts fearless. He and other upperclassmen from the Altgeld Gardens public housing complex look out for freshmen. The Altgeld kids are outnumbered at the school, where there have been long-running tensions between students who live in the neighborhood around the school and those who are bused from "the Gardens."

While Robinson protects younger boys, he takes pride in handling his own problems.

"You have to be careful who you talk to and what you talk about," he said.

His mother, Cassandra White-Robinson, reinforces that approach.

"The way I see it, we have to live in this community," she said of the Gardens. "I'm not going to jeopardize his life. I won't let anyone set my son up."

## Weekend homicides higher than usual

By Tracy Swartz

REDEYE

Chicago police recorded seven homicides this weekend, an unusually high number for a cold-weather month.

There were six fatal shootings from Friday evening through Sunday evening, according to a RedEye analysis of Cook County Medical Examiner data available by 5 p.m. Monday. A seventh victim, a 24-year-old man, was shot and stabbed Sunday, the day before his birthday, according to police information.

RedEye found that since Wednesday, there have been 12 homi-

cides, including a double fatal shooting in Morgan Park and the smothering of a 32-year-old woman whose body was found floating in the North Branch of the Chicago River. A plastic bag had been placed over her head, police say. All 12 homicide victims were 40 or younger.

Police say homicide numbers tend to rise when the temperature rises, which wasn't the case over the weekend. Low temperatures at O'Hare Airport from Friday through Sunday stayed at or below freezing. Police recorded 29 homicides in December last year.

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« For more information on these murders, look for RedEye's weekly homicide map in Thursday's paper. Check the homicides in your neighborhood this year any time at [redeyechicago.com/homicides](http://redeyechicago.com/homicides).





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\* Assumes employee sets aside the maximum allowed each month

\*\* Assumes employee pays 28% in Federal Income Tax

\*\*\* Assumes employee pays 3% in State Income Tax

\*\*\*\* Assumes employer pays .8% in Unemployment Tax

# chicago

## 4 CTA workers suspended after Green Line derailment

Four CTA rail employees have been removed from service without pay after a Green Line train derailment over the weekend, transit officials said Monday, pointing to a missed "stop" signal as the probable cause of the accident.

The front wheels on the first car of the six-car northbound train jumped the tracks at the 59th Street junction shortly before noon Saturday, said CTA spokeswoman Noelle Gaffney.

The train remained upright on the "L" tracks. It was operating as a shuttle covering part of the normal route, with one train operator in the first car and another in the sixth car, because of track construction, officials said.

"The investigation is still under way, but the preliminary indication is human error," Gaffney said. "The equipment—signals, train and track—all appeared to be working properly."

The train operators in front and back, a supervisor overseeing the shuttle operation and a control tower employee were removed from service pending the outcome of the investigation, Gaffney said.

## Yo-Yo Ma consulting with Chicago Symphony Orchestra

The globe-trotting superstar cellist and musical ambassador Yo-Yo Ma has taken on yet another position, this time right on Chicago's doorstep. As of January, he will become creative consultant to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, for a three-year term.

In that newly created post, Ma will work with music director designate Riccardo Muti, CSO staff and orchestra musicians to help realize Muti's vision of developing broader ties between the orchestra and the greater Chicago community, particularly incarcerated and at-risk youth. Muti's five-year contract begins in September.

## Obama taps state prison to hold Gitmo detainees, officials say

President Obama has directed the federal government to buy the nearly empty state prison in rural Thomson to house federal inmates and up to 100 detainees from the U.S. detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, officials said late Monday.

The administration plans to announce the news Tuesday, following weeks of consideration of the Thomson Correctional Center. The decision is part of a complicated closing plan for the controversial Guantanamo center, a lightning rod for anti-American sentiment around the world.

Obama ordered its shutdown as one of his first acts after his inauguration in January.

The Thomson prison could house 35 to 90 of the Guantanamo detainees, said one source familiar with the discussions.

# Feds say second suspect knew of Mumbai attacks

## Chicago Tribune

Federal prosecutors have alleged a second Chicago man had knowledge of last year's coordinated attacks in Mumbai that killed some 170 people—and even congratulated the planners.

In a new filing Monday, prosecutors said recordings in their investigation of Tahawwur Rana and David Coleman Headley show Rana knew about the attacks before gunmen stormed two hotels, a train station and other sites.

Headley was charged in connection with the Mumbai attacks last week. Prosecutors say he traveled to India several times as a scout for the terror team that launched its attacks in November 2008.

Both men have been charged in connec-

tion with a conspiracy to attack a Danish newspaper, and Rana is due in court Tuesday for a continuation of a hearing on whether he should remain detained on that case.

Rana has not been charged in connection with the Mumbai attacks, but prosecutors wrote that the judge should know of his knowledge of them.

"It is clear from the conversation and extrinsic corroboration that Rana was told just days before the Mumbai attacks that the attacks were about to happen," the filing states.

Prosecutors wrote that a Sept. 7, 2009, conversation between the pair was recorded, with Headley recalling a meeting the men had in Dubai where Rana was told the attacks were about to happen. Headley

then asked how Rana found out they were going on, and Rana allegedly answered that he was on a flight when he heard "this had started."

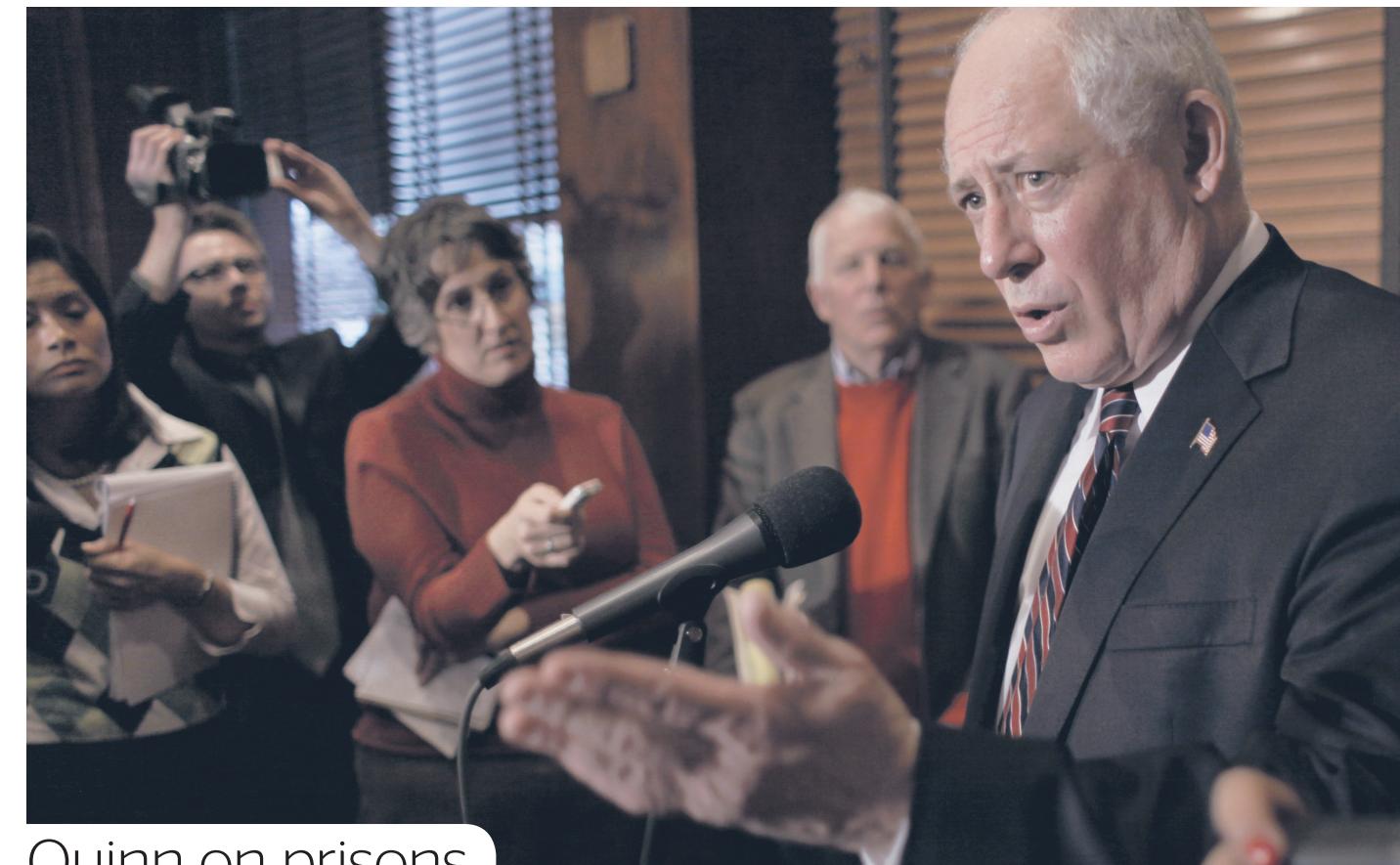
"In Mumbai, yeah," Headley said, according to a partial transcript that was part of the government filing.

"Yeah," Rana answered.

Rana later allegedly told Headley to pass on congratulations to the planners.

"In the world, if there had been ... a medal for command, top class," he allegedly was recorded saying.

The government told the judge that the evidence should fly in the face of prior arguments by lawyers for Rana that he is a peace-loving businessman who should be released on bond.



## Quinn on prisons

Gov. Quinn answers questions Monday about his administration's policy, now abandoned, of releasing some prisoners after fewer than three weeks behind bars. Quinn spoke to the media in Chicago after unveiling an Illinois Jobs action plan. **AP**



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GETTY IMAGES

**Strike over holidays**

**1** British Airways cabin crews will strike over the Christmas period, their union said Monday, throwing the plans of thousands of travelers into uncertainty.

**Supreme texting case**

**2** The Supreme Court said Monday it will decide how much privacy workers have when they send text messages from employer-owned devices.

**Banks pay up**

**3** Citigroup and Wells Fargo said Monday they would repay their government bailout loans, freeing them from regulatory scrutiny and marking the latest step toward recovery for the U.S. financial system.

**New surge timetable**

**4** The second-highest-ranking U.S. general in Afghanistan said Monday the planned rapid escalation of American troops would take longer than expected to carry out, indicating it will probably be nine to 11 months before they are all in place.

**Americans on trial**

**5** Iran said it would try three Americans jailed since crossing the border from Iraq in July, a step certain to aggravate the U.S. at a time when Tehran is in a standoff with the West over its nuclear program.

**Pilot error**

**6** A pilot's inattention and failure to follow safety rules likely caused a commuter plane to plummet from the sky near Buffalo in February, killing 50 people, the airline told federal investigators.

**Revenge plea deals**

**7** Two Wisconsin women accused of seeking revenge on a cheating lover by gluing his penis to his stomach have reached plea deals. District attorney Ken Kratz agreed not to seek jail time for either one.

**THE DIGIT****22 million**

Two nonprofit groups say computer technicians have found 22 million White House e-mails from the administration of President George W. Bush. The two groups say the electronic messages were previously mislabeled and effectively lost.

# Stalled climate talks resume

**8** **COPENHAGEN** Poor countries ended a boycott of U.N. climate talks Monday after getting assurances that rich nations were not conspiring to soften their commitments to cutting greenhouse gases, European officials said.

European Union environment spokesman Andreas Carlgren said informal talks resolved the impasse, which was started by African countries and backed by major developing countries, including China and India.

Rich and poor countries "found a reasonable solution," he said.

Developing countries agreed to return to all working groups they abandoned earlier

in the day at the 192-nation conference, said Anders Frandsen, a spokesman for conference president Connie Hedegaard.

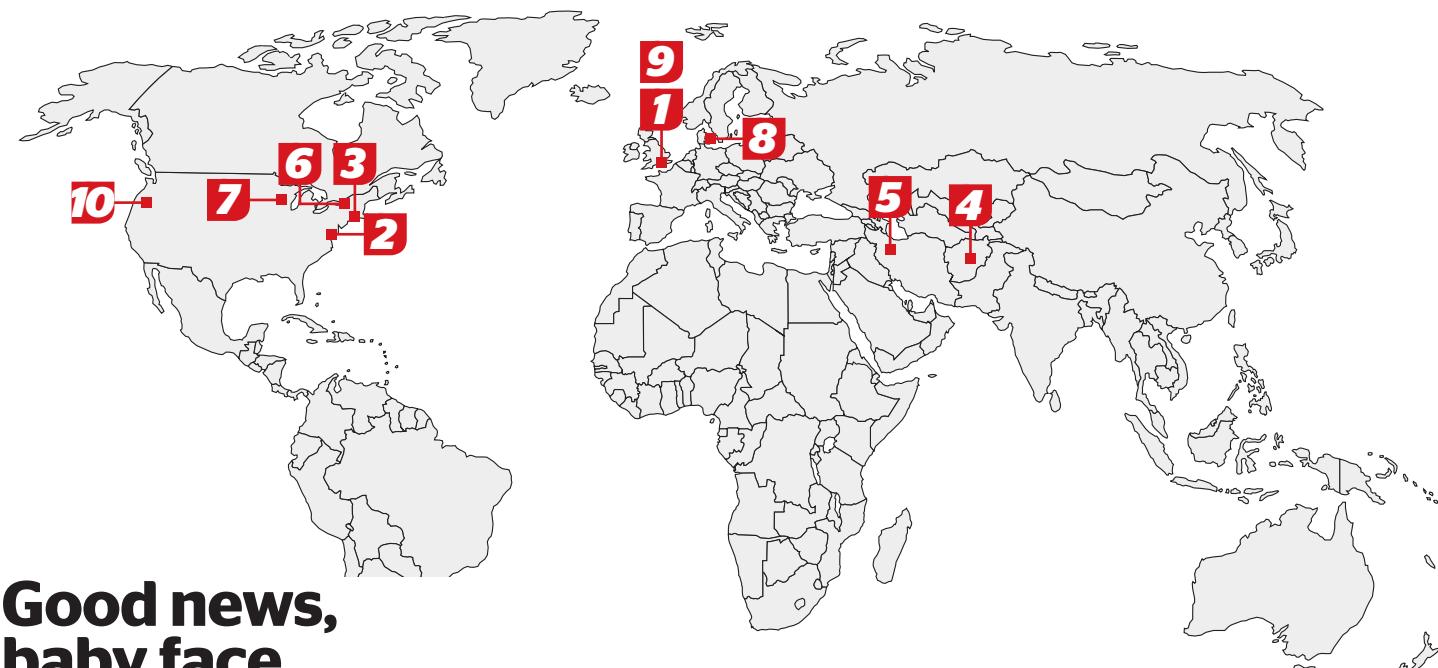
The boycott had disrupted efforts to forge a pact on global warming and forced the cancellation of formal working groups, delaying the frantic work of negotiators trying to resolve technical issues before the arrival of more than 110 world leaders, including President Obama, later this week.

The move was largely seen as a ploy to shift the agenda to the responsibilities of the industrial countries and make emissions reductions the first item for discussion Tuesday.

Jake Schmidt of the Natural Resources Defense Fund said "this is all part of the negotiating dynamic, especially as you get closer to the end game."

In Washington, the White House announced a new program drawing funds from international partners to spend \$350 million over five years to give developing nations clean energy technology to curb greenhouse gas emissions.

The program will distribute solar power alternatives for homes, including sun-powered lanterns, supply cleaner equipment and appliances and work to develop renewable energy systems in the world's poorer nations.



## Good news, baby face

**9** **LONDON** Those baby-faced people now have another reason to be smug: A new Danish study says looking young apparently means a longer life.

Research published online Monday in the British medical journal BMJ suggests that people who look younger than their years also live longer.

In 2001, Danish researchers conducted physical and cognitive tests on more than 1,800 pairs of twins over age 70, as well as taking photos of their faces. Three groups of people who didn't know the twins' real ages guessed how old they were. The researchers then tracked how long the twins survived over seven years.

The experts found that people who looked younger than their actual age were far more likely to survive, even after they adjusted for other factors like gender and environment.



## Climbers missing

**10** An Oregon National Guard helicopter flies over Mt. Hood on Monday as the search for two climbers continued. Weather conditions improved, allowing rescuers to search the mountain, where one climber has died and two have been missing since Friday. AP

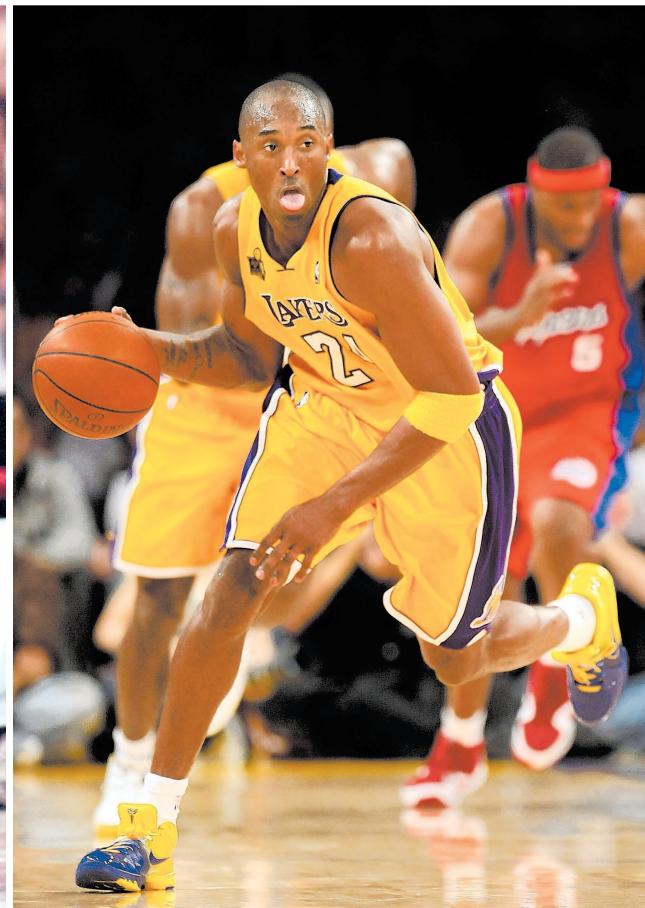
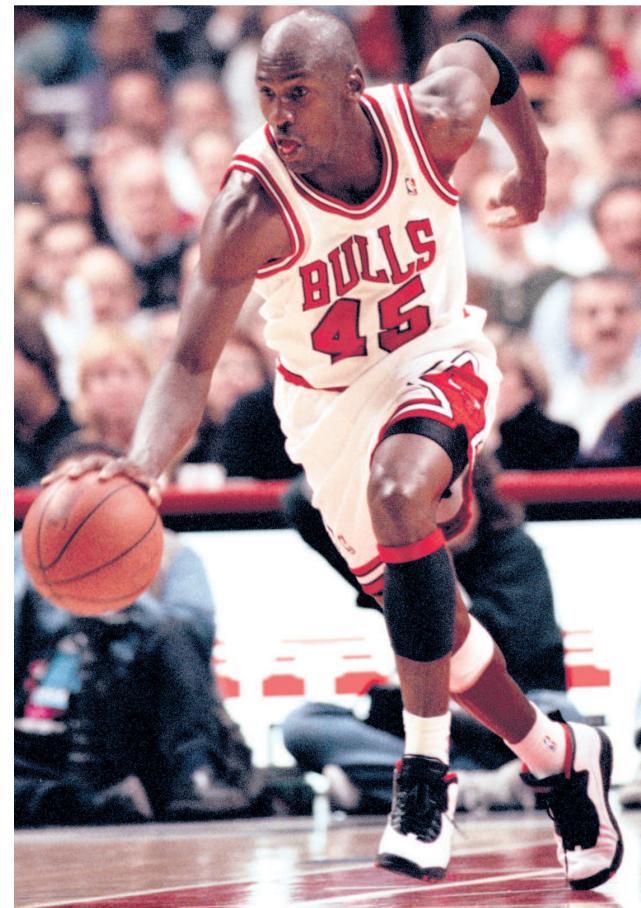
# sports

## FACEOFF

1995-96 BULLS VS.  
2009-10 L.A. LAKERS

# 73 OR BUST

When the Bulls won 72 games during the 1995-96 season, they broke the record of 69 wins set by the 1971-72 L.A. Lakers. This year, some say the current Lakers squad could retake the regular-season win record. With the Lakers in town to play the Bulls, what better way for the home team to defend its record than to stick another 'L' on the Lakers? While the current Bulls take on that task, let us pit the 1995-96 Bulls against the present-day Lakers, in RedEye's own faceoff style. **SOURCES: NBA.COM, CHICAGOBUZZ.COM**



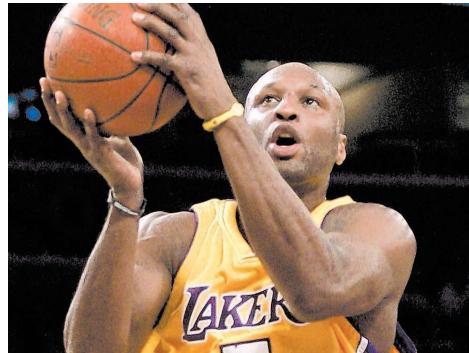
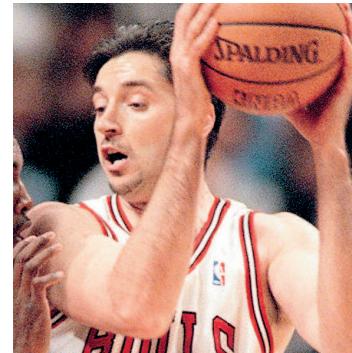
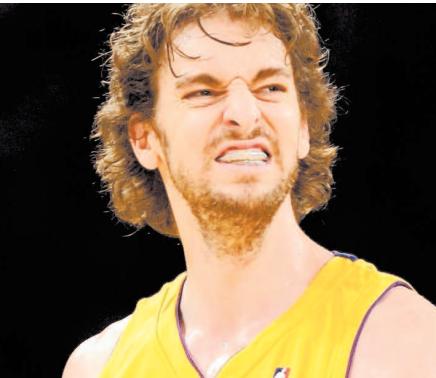
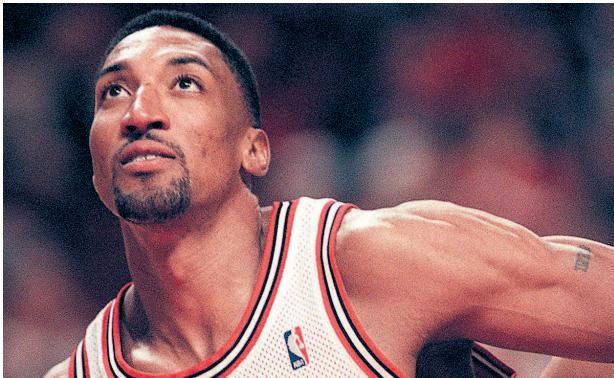
## THE SUPERSTAR

### Michael Jordan

Jordan was just inducted into the Hall of Fame this year, but his selection was a no-brainer. He won six NBA titles, Olympic gold, scoring titles, defensive honors—you name it, he did it. In the Bulls' 72-win season, he averaged 30.2 points, was named MVP (duh!) and was third in steals.

### Kobe Bryant

Bryant likely will be a Hall-of-Famer too. He's won four titles and could claim a fifth this season. He's averaging 27.8 points for the 18-4 Lakers, and he also leads the team in assists and steals. And scowls.



## THE SIDEKICK

### Scottie Pippen

Pippen was the all-around complement to Jordan, and he did his job extremely well during the Bulls' record-breaking season. He averaged 19.4 points, 6.4 rebounds, 5.9 assists and finished 12th in steals. He, along with Jordan and Dennis Rodman, were named to the all-defensive team.

### Pau Gasol

The man many wanted to see in a Bulls uniform is doing just fine in L.A. He's scoring 17.6 points per game, grabbing 11.5 rebounds and dishing out 4.1 assists. Very Pippen-like. He also leads Pippen in "C.S.I.: Miami" appearances.

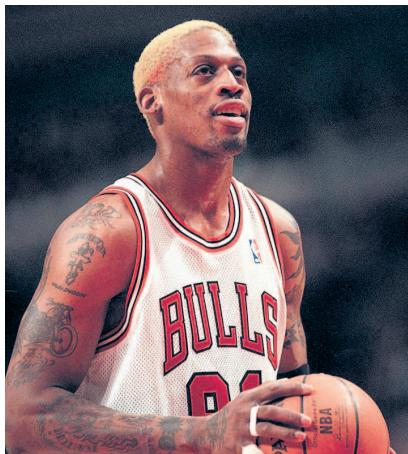
## THE SIXTH MAN

### Toni Kukoc

Kukoc the Croatian was one of the first European stars to thrive in the NBA, and his shooting touch and versatility off the bench earned him the Sixth Man of the Year award.

### Lamar Odom

He may be more well-known now for being Khloe Kardashian's husband, but the big man is a pretty good basketball player too. He's been a starter and a bench player so far this season, and he's got about eight points and eight rebounds per game to show for it.



## THE WILD-MAN DEFENDER

### Dennis Rodman

The hair man was the perfect addition to the air man. Rodman's defensive presence in the paint and his ability to corral rebounds were just what the Bulls needed. He led the league in rebounds at 14.9 and hair colors at 329.2.

### Ron Artest

His fighting days are over—at least the Lakers hope so. The man behind the infamous Indiana Pacers-Detroit Pistons-fans brawl brings his stout defense and fierce attitude to the Lakers. He also brings along almost 13 points, five rebounds and four assists per game. Don't make him angry; you wouldn't like him when he's angry.

## THE SHARPSHOOTER



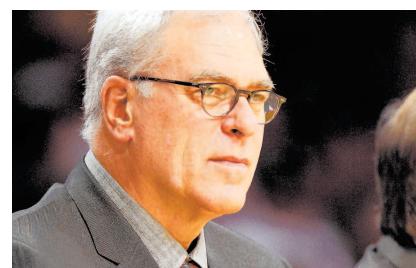
### Steve Kerr

Kerr was second in the league in three-point shooting during the Bulls' record-setting season, and he hit the shot that broke a tie late in Game 6 of the NBA Finals, giving the Bulls their fifth title.



### Luke Walton

He's been sidelined by an injury, but before he went down, Walton was hitting 62 percent of his three-pointers. Sure, he's only played in nine games, but who's counting?



### COACH

#### Phil Jackson (Bulls)

The Zen Master had to manage the many personalities and egos of the Bulls, and there's no question he did it to perfection.

#### Phil Jackson (Lakers)

Bryant may be the biggest ego Jackson has ever dealt with, but, again, he's managing pretty well. It's still weird seeing him without a beard, though, isn't it?

## OVERALL WINNER

This season will be the ultimate judge of these L.A. Lakers, but in the RedEye court of opinion, they don't yet come close to matching the 1995-96 Bulls.



Omer Asik, a 2008 Bulls draft pick, is on the injury list. AP FILE

## Asik to miss two months

The Bulls' injury bug has somehow crawled its way overseas.

Omer Asik, whom the Bulls selected in the second round in 2008 and project to be a contributor once his Turkish contract expires after this season, broke his collarbone Saturday and is expected to miss two months following surgery.

It's the second significant injury for Asik, 23, who missed most of last season following knee surgery to repair torn ligaments.

The Bulls packaged three second-round picks to acquire the 7-foot center, who could be in training camp in October. Asik suffered his latest injury during a Euroleague game for Fenerbahce Ulker.

» Vinny Del Negro passed on an opportunity to anoint Kobe Bryant the game's best player, merely saying he's "one of the best, if not the best." But it's clear Del Negro appreciates Bryant's competitiveness.

"He's an assassin," Del Negro said. "He knows how to play. He's done it all. He's mentally and physically into the game. He works on his game. He's the leader of their team. He approaches it the right way with that competitiveness and I think everybody feeds off that."

## Kick us, we're Irish

Notre Dame's hiring of Brian Kelly sure seems solid (like nearly every new coaching hire). Kelly has been nothing but successful wherever he's gone, yet he's entering perhaps the hardest coaching job in sports.

Notre Dame isn't NOTRE DAME anymore.

Notre Dame (and the media) pretends it's a powerhouse, but this is hardly a great program. To be a contender you have to win games year in and year out. To be a powerhouse you need to win titles. Sure, last year they won the prestigious Hawaii Bowl (their first bowl win in 13 years), but if their name was Indiana instead of Notre Dame, we wouldn't be talking about them.

Notre Dame as an independent doesn't attract the same talent as SEC teams. If I were a top recruit (I have eligibility left), I'm going to a Florida, USC or Alabama, schools producing NFL talent and playing against NFL talent, which Notre Dame has not been recently.

Nothing against Kelly, but I don't see him magically changing this. It'll take a whole new organizational approach. It's been talked about forever, and probably will be until the Irish finally do join the Big Ten, but it just makes too much sense.

Sure, Notre Dame is one of the most financially successful teams in college football, but there comes a point when winning matters more than uniform colors. The Irish could be competitive in the Big Ten and would almost certainly get better recruits. The only thing holding it up is money—and arrogance.

Notre Dame can continue acting like it's the greatest thing in college football until one day a bunch of people throw tea in the water and start a new country. Without serious changes, Notre Dame's path is to follow that of DePaul's men's basketball program. They'll always be the school of Ray Meyer, but they've fallen to the point that DePaul is the laughingstock of the Big East.

It's great the Irish can play Michigan State and USC close (and lose), but new coach or not, they're still living on faded glory. **SCOTT**

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## Three and out

Will the Bears change their lineup in the final three games? Will we? Unfortunately not. Play along at [redeyechicago.com/5on5](http://redeyechicago.com/5on5).



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<b>1</b> Now that the Bears can't make the playoffs, what changes should they make in the final three games?	Is it too late to add a cheerleading squad?	Actually start developing talent like Devin Aromashodu. The Bears need Aromatherapy.	Combine rosters with the Chicago Bliss. Urlacher'd be down for that.	Bring back the Spare Bears.	Lovie Smith, Jerry Angelo and Ron Turner should each start at QB to take the beatings they deserve.
<b>2</b> Which Bears are making their final three starts with the team in the weeks ahead?	I'm not sure about the Bears, but Matt Forte isn't starting for me ever again in fantasy football.	Trick question. The prime candidates won't be playing because of injury or futility.	Orlando Pace will be making his final three false starts.	Let's hope Ted Phillips, Jerry Angelo and Ron Turner.	If Angelo remains in charge, Devin Aromashodu, Robbie Gould and Brad Maynard. You know, the guys playing well.
<b>3</b> What would life be like for the Blackhawks if Patrick Kane were sidelined for a while?	The Patricks would be cut in half, leaving Sharp to carry the torch.	Like Rahula if he didn't shave for a month. He would sweat to death under a mass of hair.	We'll have 17 percent less "Chelsea Dagger" in our ears.	Old. The starting line's average age would rocket up to an ancient 23.	They'll finally be able to flag down a cab.
<b>4</b> What's your explanation for the Bulls' slump as they prepare to face the L.A. Lakers?	They are stressed about the possibility of a non-white Christmas.	They know they can never earn a ring, so they hope Kobe slips up again and buys them one.	Lack of good coaching. Simple as that.	As for everything, I blame Aaron Miles.	No apple-related injuries to keep the team light-hearted and loose.
<b>5</b> What advice could Kobe Bryant give Tiger Woods?	How to master a new stroke.	"Don't ever leave voicemails ... or DNA."	"My advice to you is to start drinking. Heavily."	How many diamonds he's going to give Elin for each chick he bagged (plus extra for the waitress at Perkins).	"Change your number. You don't wear a number? Well, you're screwed, man."

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# Zero the hero

**Blackhawks' Niemi makes most of limited time in goal**

The list of shutout leaders among NHL goaltenders reads like a who's who of the best goalies in the game.

There's the Sabres' Ryan Miller and the Coyotes' Ilya Bryzgalov with four each and then a group of five with three, including the Bruins' Tim Thomas, the Flames' Miikka Kiprusoff, the Panthers' Tomas Vokoun and the Avalanche's Craig Anderson.

Right there with them is the lone backup of the group, the Blackhawks' Antti Niemi, who recorded his third shutout of the season Sunday night when he blanked the Lightning 4-0.

The amazing part of Niemi's feat is he has done it in just eight games played, seven of them started. The next fewest is Thomas, who has been in 18 games. Niemi "keeps himself ready whether he's off for two weeks or off for a week," Hawks coach Joel Quenneville said.

"It's not an easy job description probably doing that

for the first time. I commend him with how he keeps himself alert and sharp and ready to go."

Niemi has spent the season as Cristobal Huet's backup and has had to adjust to playing sporadically.

"The three last games have been in like five weeks," said Niemi, who is 6-1-1 with a 1.50 goals-against average and .937 save percentage. "I have ups and downs in practice. I keep working with that."

"Of course when you get wins you get more confidence so it's easier maybe now."

Niemi's success has earned him more playing time but has not allowed him to supplant Huet, who has been strong himself with a 14-7-2 record, 2.18 GAA and .909 save percentage.

"Huet's playing a lot, so he's the guy," Quenneville said. "We have a really busy schedule and Antti's going to get some games."



## IN BRIEF

Swiss watch maker Tag Heuer said it will spend the next few weeks assessing its relationship with golfer Tiger Woods. The statement comes a day after consulting firm Accenture dropped its ties with Woods.

Former Hornets coach Byron Scott is rejoining ESPN as an NBA analyst. Scott was fired last month after more than five seasons in New Orleans. He coached the New Jersey Nets from 2000-04, leading them to two NBA finals appearances.



## watch dog

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I'd like to be considered as a sports role model now that Tiger is tainted. I hope my weight, Dumbo ears and gambling won't be a problem.

Here now, my TV picks.



**NBA**  
**Bulls vs. L.A. Lakers**

7 p.m. WGN

Some say Kobe Bryant and Co. could top the Bulls' 72-win season. How depressing.



**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

**Minnesota vs. N. Illinois**

7 p.m. Big Ten Network

NIU is 1-5, but they've got one stand-up mascot in the Huskie. Good dog, yes he is.

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

**Duke vs. Gardner-Webb**

6 p.m. ESPN2

The Blue Devils might as well play an actual gardener. Talk about fluff scheduling.



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By M. Kathleen Pratt

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## Gemini Bistro

2075 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2522

Join chef Jason Paskewitz at his comfortable Lincoln Park bistro for a three-course menu including decadent seasonal choices such as cream of mushroom soup with black truffle chestnut ravioli and pan-roasted sea bass with lobster risotto. \$55 for 6 and 8 p.m. seatings; \$65 for 10 p.m. seating (includes champagne toast).

## Duchamp

2118 N. Damen Ave.  
773-235-6434

Ring in 2010 in the intimate dining room of Bucktown neighborhood standby Duchamp, where chef Michael Taus will offer four courses of favorites. Look for options such as white pizza with lobster, Thai bouillabaisse and a dessert trio that includes the restaurant's irresistible house-made ice cream sandwiches. \$49; seatings start at 6 p.m. New Year's seating at 11 p.m.

## The Bristol

2152 N. Damen Ave.  
773-862-5555

Take advantage of one of the few days of the year when this casual and always-bustling Bucktown gem accepts reservations. Chef Chris Pandel's three-course menu includes options such as pork rillettes, pistachio- and sausage-stuffed veal breast, and celery root agnolotti. \$49; seatings 5:30-10 p.m.

## Mercadito

108 W. Kinzie St. 312-329-9555

Start the year with some spice at this flashy River North modern Mexican spot, which offers a five-course menu stacked with signature guacamoles, ceviches, tacos and more. An unlimited bar package including margaritas and specialty cocktails also is available. \$50; \$100 with bar package (\$40/\$80 for lounge seating); seatings start at 9:30 p.m. Regular menu available 5:30 p.m.



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## best bets

By Rebecca Palmore  
rpalmore@tribune.com

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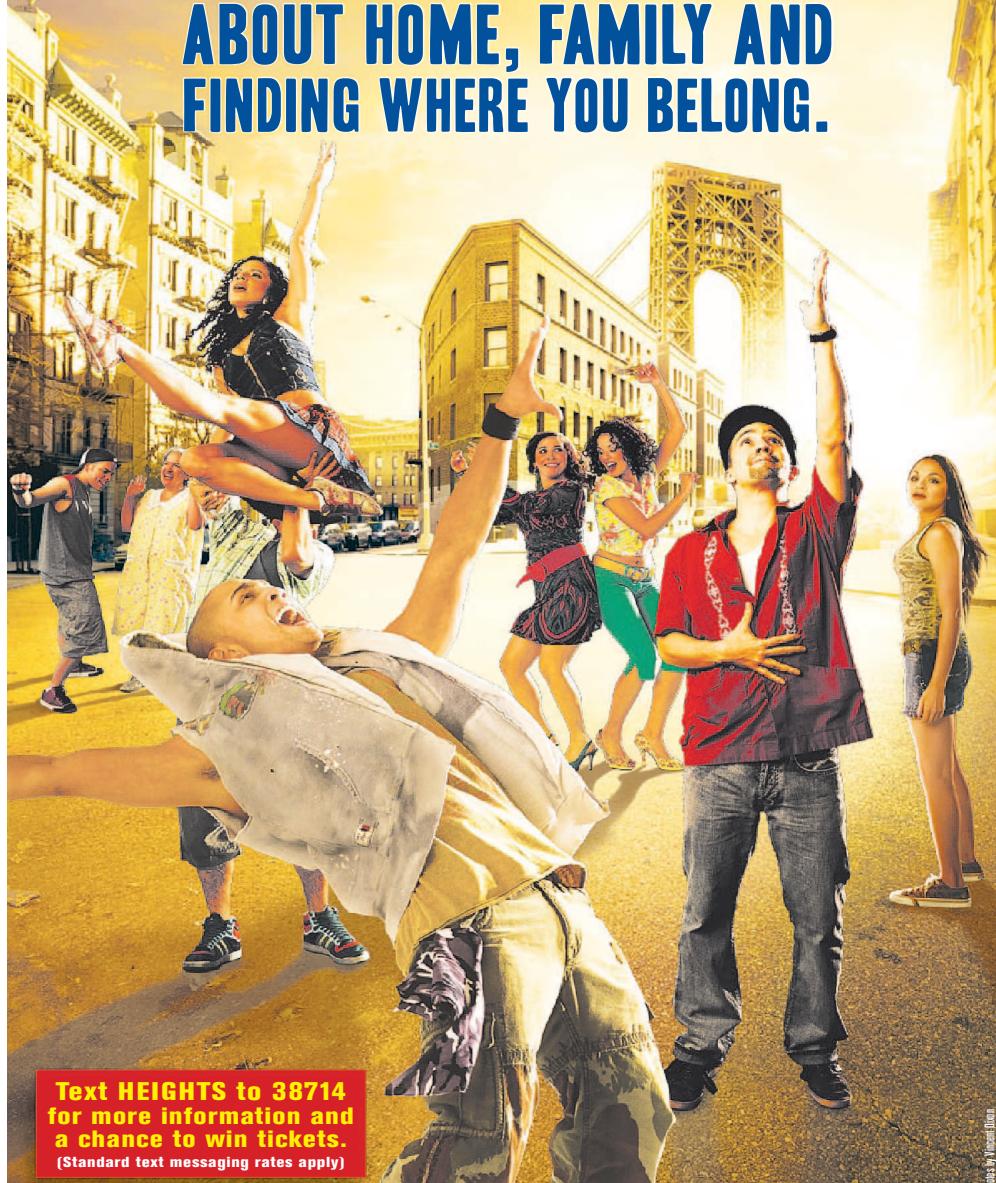
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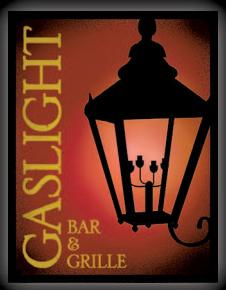
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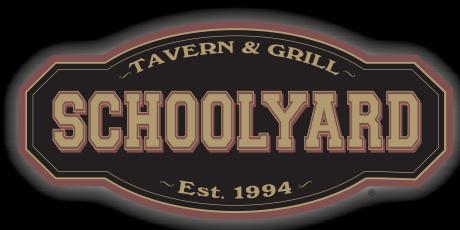
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7:30 p.m. \$29-\$47. Rialto Square Theatre, 102 N. Chicago St., Joliet. 815-726-6600.

**PAUL KAYE**

8:30 p.m. Free. Harlem Avenue Lounge, 3701 Harlem Ave., Berwyn. 708-484-3610.

**PETE GALANIS AND FRIENDS**

9:30 p.m. \$5-\$7. Rosa's Lounge, 3420 W. Armitage Ave. 773-342-0452.

**POUNDCAKE, THE BLACK SAINTS, DRAMATIC VISIONS, DARIN ZARZECKI**

8:30 p.m. \$7. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

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9:30 p.m. \$12. Kingston Mines, 2548 N. Halsted St. 773-477-4646.

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9:30 p.m. \$10. Buddy Guy's Legends, 754 S. Wabash Ave. 312-427-0333.

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10 p.m. Free. Red Line Tap, 7006 N. Glenwood Ave. 773-274-5463.

**STEREO SINAI, YURI LANE**

8 p.m. \$5 suggested donation. Uncommon Ground on Clark, 3800 N. Clark St. 773-929-3680.

**THIRD COAST PERCUSSION**

7:30 p.m. \$5-\$15. Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St. 773-278-1500.

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5 p.m. \$5. Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St. 312-642-6805.

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Tim McIlrath of Rise Against at Lollapalooza. GETTY IMAGES FILE

## THE JOURNEY

**1999**

Singer Tim McIlrath of Arlington Heights and bassist Joe Principe of Lombard form Transistor Revolt and release a self-titled EP.

**2001**

With new drummer Brandon Barnes, the band adopts the name Rise Against and releases its first full album, "The Unraveling."

**2003**

The second album, "Revolutions Per Minute," is released. After several tours, including a stint with the Warped Tour, the band signs a major-label deal with Dreamworks Records.

**2004**

"Siren Song of the Counter Culture" becomes the first of the band's albums to land on the Billboard chart, peaking at No. 12.

**2008**

"Appeal to Reason" sells 64,700 copies in its first week, landing at No. 3 on the charts.

# Still rising

**Local punk heroes Rise Against look back on 10 years**

**By Kent Green**

FOR REDEYE

This year marked the 10th anniversary for punk icon Rise Against, and the band hasn't mellowed over the years.

Rise Against's 2008 release, "Appeal to Reason," reached No. 3 on the Billboard chart—the band's best showing—and Rise toured stadiums and festivals around the world, including a hometown show at Lollapalooza in August. The band returns to Chicago on Friday for a sold-out gig at the Metro, where it will celebrate a decade of work by playing songs from its first two releases, "The Unraveling" and "Revolutions Per Minute."

Singer and guitarist Tim McIlrath spoke to RedEye about looking back at the past 10 years and why the band won't be calling Timbaland.

### Congratulations on 10 years. What's it like to look back at that time?

When we started, we were sort of realistic about it. We said this would be great if it lasts four or five years. It would be great to tell our kids that we were in this little band. When it kept getting bigger and bigger, it took us all by surprise. So many more people embraced the band and the music. It's been a wild ride.

### When do you know that a song has connected with somebody?

It can be something as simple as looking into someone's eyes in the front

row, and they're singing the lyrics along with you, more passionately than you could ever sing them, all the way to having a conversation after

a show or getting a letter explaining to you just what the songs mean to them, how it affected them. That stuff is so rewarding,

### What sort of impact has coming up in the Chicago-area scene had on you as a band?

I think Chicago always had something special going on. ... It was this island of culture, I guess. There were East Coast and West Coast bands, that's where the big scenes were. ... Chicago developed a unique sound; it remained sort of a private party, you know. Bands that played Chicago for years became almost Chicago's own house bands.

### So did seeing that give you the inspiration or the freedom to develop your sound however you wanted?

Yeah, I think it did. If anything, what we did was almost a response to that scene. There was a vacuum in Chicago. ... I'd be sitting at Double Door watching a band lazily making its way through a 5-hour set. I was like, "I miss shows

where there's stage diving, you're knocking heads, your shirt's torn, you're missing a shoe, your ears are ringing." It felt like you went through war, but you woke up feeling awesome. I was like, "Where is that band?" For me, it was Pegboy. So we said, "Yeah, we need to bring more energy back." I want to see kids going nuts. That's our goal when we play.

### The press release for "Appeal to Reason" said you were trying to explore different sounds. Is it tough to do that while still staying punk?

I think that whatever comes out naturally is the place you're supposed to go. There's no deep urges within the four of us to be in a Radiohead world, a conceptual Rise Against. There's no underlying feeling to get out there and bring keyboards into our songs, to bring Timbaland and a beat. We're not closet conceptual rockers saying, "We can't wait to break out of this punk rock sound that's holding us back." We're just trying to write that perfect Rise Against song and always learning.

### What's the closest you've come to that perfect song?

The closest we've come—that's tough. The album "The Sufferer & The Witness," that was the first one where we finished it and I said, "I wouldn't change a damn thing. This is exactly what we're supposed to sound like."

**2006**

"The Sufferer & The Witness" hits No. 10.

**2007**

Guitarist Zach Blair from the band Only Crime joins the lineup.

**2009**

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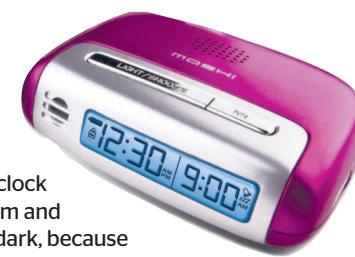
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Pumpkin-cranberry spice cake

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## Trim fat from cakes

**Associated Press**

A slice of cake is always a pleasure, but it doesn't have to be a guilty one.

When baking cakes, there are a few things you can do to give most recipes a healthy makeover. This pumpkin-cranberry spice cake, for instance, is an indulgent but healthy treat that uses tricks easily applied to other recipes.

First, half of the all-purpose flour is replaced with white whole-wheat flour, which significantly increases the cake's whole grain count without adding the astringent flavors some people associate with more conventional whole wheat. White whole-wheat flour has the same nutrition as standard whole-wheat flour, but with a lighter color and milder flavor.

Second, canned pumpkin puree does double duty by providing a classic flavor and replacing all but  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup of the oil. This combination keeps

### OIL CHANGE

For many cake and quick bread recipes, especially richly flavored ones such as chocolate and gingerbread, you can use fruit purees to replace up to three-quarters of the fat. Apple butter or prune puree (available commercially in cans as prune or plum pie filling) work best because they add plenty of moisture and contain pectin, which like fat coats the starchy flour particles and prevents them from forming the gluten that make baked goods chewy.

the cake moist and tender, while slashing the fat.

Finally, the pumpkin cake is decorated with a dusting of powdered sugar rather than a heavy frosting, which would add additional fat and calories.

### Pumpkin-cranberry spice cake Serves 16

#### INGREDIENTS

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour  
1 cup white whole-wheat flour  
1 tablespoon cinnamon  
2 teaspoons ground ginger  
1 teaspoon allspice  
1 teaspoon nutmeg  
2 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
1/3 cup canola oil  
3 large eggs  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
15-ounce can pumpkin

2 teaspoons grated orange zest  
2 tablespoons orange juice  
2 tablespoons water  
1 cup dried cranberries  
Powdered sugar, for dusting

#### DIRECTIONS

» Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Coat a large Bundt pan with cooking spray or brush with oil. Add a small amount of granulated sugar and turn the pan to coat the inside, discarding any excess.

» In a medium bowl, stir together both flours, the cinnamon, ginger, allspice, nutmeg, baking powder, baking

soda and salt.

» In a large bowl, combine the sugar, oil, eggs and vanilla. Beat with an electric mixer on high until the mixture is thick and pale, about 3 minutes. Add the pumpkin, water, orange zest and juice. Beat on low until smooth.

» Sift the dry ingredients on top of the pumpkin mixture and stir

just until combined. Stir in the cranberries.

» Using a rubber spatula, scrape the batter into the prepared pan, smoothing the top. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes, or until a skewer inserted at the center comes out clean. Turn the cake out onto a wire rack to cool completely.

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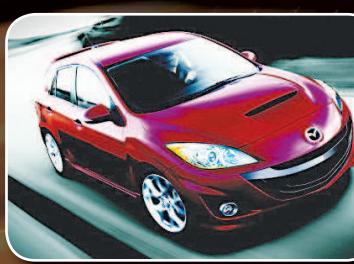
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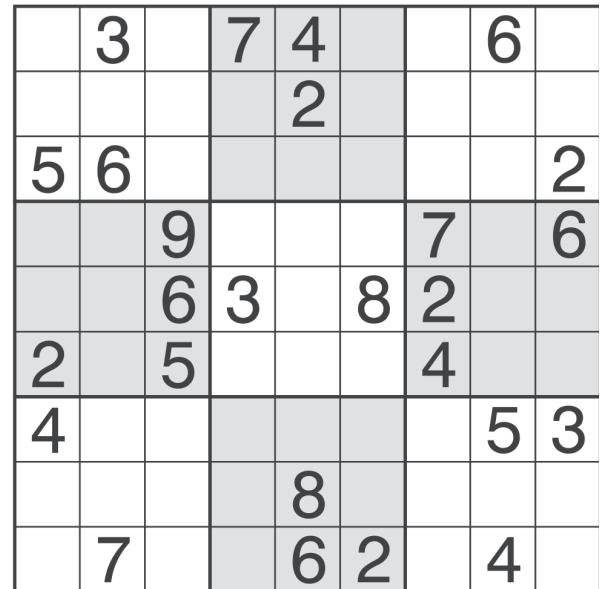
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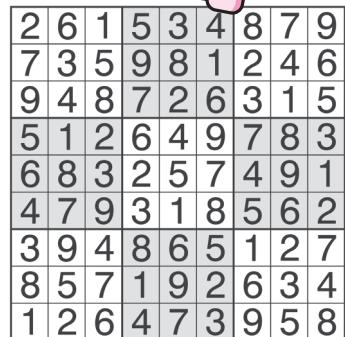
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24 Rage  
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29 Took a chair  
30 Deposit  
34 Bank offering  
35 Evergreen  
36 Close-fitting jacket  
37 Mont Blanc  
or Matterhorn  
38 Very dry  
40 Distant  
41 Lass  
43 Put a spell on  
44 Ascend  
45 Neatness  
46 Stitch  
47 Annoyed  
48 One with an endless term  
50 Cow's remark  
51 Light spear  
54 Do one's essay again  
58 Way out  
59 Can wrapper  
61 -yourself project  
62 "Or \_"; words of a threat  
63 Piano piece  
64 Sicilian mount  
65 Peruse  
66 Stupid  
67 "Phooey!"

**DOWN**

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**9** Work on dough  
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**11** Above  
**12** Not bananas  
**13** Downhill toy  
**21** Fancy vase  
**23** Any two-footed creature  
**25** Parade participant  
**26** Remembered mission  
**27** bear  
**28** Fast  
**29** Lancelot  
**31** Attach  
**32** Discontinue  
**33** Miscalculated  
**35** Summer cooler  
**36** Reed or Harrison  
**38** Jeopardy  
**39** Chop  
**42** Took out  
**44** Request a new shipment of  
**46** Upper house  
**47** Promise  
**49** Used an emery board  
**50** Free-for-all  
**51** Deride  
**52** Wheel support  
**53** Passport stamp  
**54** Team from Cincinnati  
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## 'Shore' takin' it to 'Hills'

"Jersey Shore" cast members are calling out "The Hills." "We are better than 'The Hills,'" Snooki told usmagazine.com at Spike TV's Video Game Awards in L.A. over the weekend. "It is all real." Added J-WOWW: "We are not fake. We don't try to put ourselves in front of the cameras with the hair and the makeup. We tell everyone how we feel. We don't say anything behind their backs." Sounds like a RedEye Faceoff is in order. **EMILY ROSENBAUM MAKAS, REDEYE**

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Would anyone fake being this ignorant, self-absorbed, drunken, offensive, tacky and clueless?

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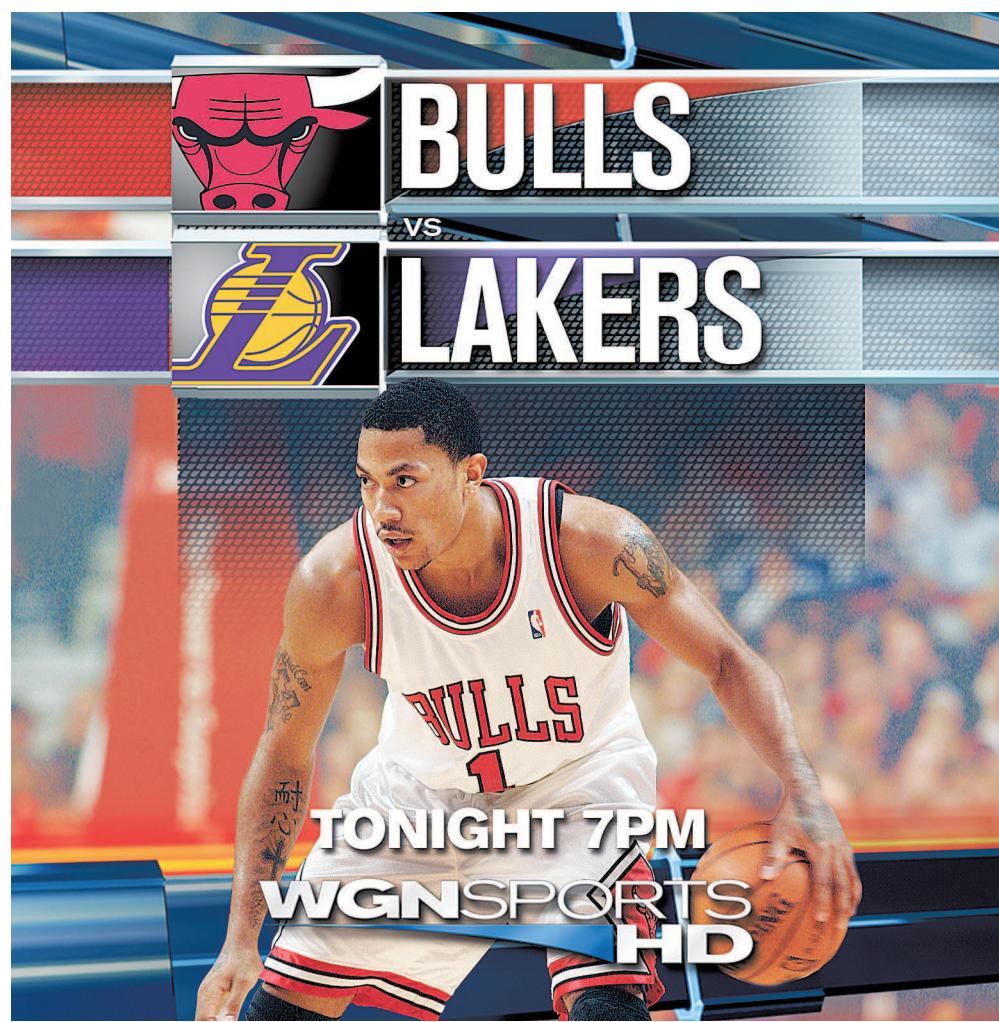
Rich white people with brains are oddly silent at the depiction of their people in this crass manner.

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Snooki was cracked in the face after telling some guy in a bar to get out of her face; the housemates insult one another on a regular basis.

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■ The Box (PG-13) 2:10,4:20,6:30,8:40  
■ Men Who Stare (R) 2:00,4:00,6:05,8:10  
■ Christmas Carol (PG) 2:05,4:10,6:15,8:20

### MUSIC BOX

3733 N. Southport, Chicago  
(773) 871-6604  
■ Collapse (NR) 2:00,7:20,9:40  
■ The Red Shoes (NR) 5:00,8:00

### PIPER'S ALLEY (AMC)

1608 N. Wells, Chicago  
888-AMC-4FUN  
Show times change daily  
AMC Select - The best specialty films  
■ AMC Select The Road (R) 2:00,4:30,7:00  
■ AMC Select Boondock II (R) 1:50,4:50,7:40  
■ AMC Select The Messenger (R) 2:30,5:20,8:00  
■ AMC Select Good Hair (PG-13) 5:05 P.M.  
■ The Blues Bros. (R) 2:15,7:20

### RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

322 E. Illinois Street  
888-AMC-4FUN  
Show times change daily  
AMC Select - The best specialty films  
■ AMC Select Up in the Air (R) 11:30,12:30,1:30,2:30,3:30,4:30,5:30,6:30,7:30,8:30,9:30,10:30  
■ AMC Select The Road (R) 11:05,2:00,5:00,8:00,10:40  
■ Princess-Frog (G) 11:00,1:40,4:20,7:00,9:40  
■ Princess-Frog (G) 12:20,3:20,6:00,8:40  
■ Invictus (PG-13) 11:50,1:25,3:50,4:50,7:10,8:10,10:35  
■ Larger Th (PG) 12:45,2:15,5:45,6:45,8:15,10:45  
■ Armored (PG-13) 12:20,4:56,7:05,8:25,9:50,10:50  
■ Brothers (R) 11:10,1:55,4:55,7:45,7:50,10:30  
■ Everybody (PG-13) 11:15,2:05,4:40,7:20,10:05  
■ Fantastic Fox (PG) 11:40,2:15,4:35,7:50,10:25  
■ Precious: Novel (R) 11:20,2:10,5:00,7:50,10:45  
■ Planet 51 (PG) 11:00,1:20,2:25,3:25,3:35,5:40,6:50,8:50,10:00  
■ AMC Select Precious: Novel (R) 11:20,2:10,5:00,7:50,10:45  
■ The Blind Side (PG-13) 11:35,3:10,6:40,10:10  
■ C'mas Carol 3D (PG) 11:45,2:20,5:05,7:40,10:20

### CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Skokie  
(800) 326-3264 #2309  
■ Bad Lieutenant (R) ★ 1:10,4:10,7:10,10:00  
■ Invictus (PG-13) ★ 12:30,1:00,3:20,4:00,6:20,7:00,9:20,10:20  
■ (continued)

### CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES) (continued)

■ Princess-Frog (G) ★ 12:10,1:50,2:40,4:20,5:10,6:50,7:30,9:10,9:50  
■ Armored (PG-13) ★ 1:20,3:45,6:05,8:20,10:35  
■ Brothers (R) ★ 2:10,5:00,7:40,10:15  
■ Everybody (PG-13) ★ 12:15,2:50,5:20,8:00,10:30  
■ Ninja Assassin (R) 2:20,5:15,7:45,10:10  
■ Old Dogs (PG) 2:00,4:20,7:20,9:45  
■ The Blind Side (PG-13) 12:40,1:30,3:40,4:50,6:45,7:50,9:40,10:40  
■ Planet 51 (PG) 1:15,3:50,6:15,9:15  
■ Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 12:30,3:30,6:30,9:30  
■ 2012 (PG-13) 12:50,2:30,4:45,6:10,8:10,9:55  
■ C'mas Carol 3D (PG) 1:45,4:15,6:40,9:00  
■ Precious: Novel (R) 1:40,4:30,7:15,10:05

### WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago  
(800) 326-3264 #1641  
■ Invictus (PG-13) ★ 11:50,12:50,3:00,4:00,6:15,7:15,9:00,10:30  
■ Me and Orson (PG-13) ★ 11:00,1:50,4:40,7:20,10:00  
■ Up in the Air (R) ★ 11:15,11:40,2:00,3:40,4:55,5:15,7:30,8:00,10:15,10:40  
■ Up in the Air (R) ★ 10:15,1:00,3:45,6:30,8:00,9:15  
■ Brothers (R) ★ 10:00,12:40,3:40,6:50,9:45  
■ Everybody (PG-13) ★ 10:40,1:10,3:50,6:20,9:00  
■ The Blind Side (PG-13) 10:20,1:15,4:15,7:15,10:20  
■ Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 10:30,1:30,4:30,7:40,10:30  
■ 2012 (PG-13) 11:30,3:15,6:40,10:05

### SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave.  
(800) 326-3264 #1646  
■ Invictus (PG-13) ★ 12:20,1:00,3:20,4:00,6:20,7:20,9:30,10:00  
■ Princess-Frog (G) ★ 12:00,2:15,4:30,6:45,9:00  
■ Everybody (PG-13) ★ 12:40,2:50,5:00,7:10,9:20  
■ Princess-Frog (G) 10:05,3:10,5:15,7:20,9:25  
■ Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 1:30,4:20,7:15,10:00  
■ The Blind Side (PG-13) 1:00,4:05,7:00,9:40  
■ 2012 (PG-13) 12:00,3:15,6:30,9:45  
■ C'mas Carol 3D (PG) 12:10,2:25,4:40,6:45,9:10  
■ Precious: Novel (R) 1:50,4:40,7:20,9:55

### CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

4779 W. Cermak  
(800) 326-3264 #1644  
■ Invictus (PG-13) ★ 12:20,1:00,3:20,4:00,6:20,7:20,9:30,10:00  
■ Princess-Frog (G) ★ 12:10,1:40,2:40,4:10,5:10,6:30,7:30,8:50,9:50  
■ Armored (PG-13) ★ 1:20,2:20,3:40,4:50,6:10,7:10,9:00,9:40  
■ Everybody (PG-13) ★ 9:20 P.M.  
■ Ninja Assassin (R) 2:30,5:20,7:50,10:30  
■ Old Dogs (PG) 12:30,2:50,5:00,7:45,10:15  
■ The Blind Side (PG-13) 1:10,4:15,7:15,10:20  
■ Planet 51 (PG) 1:15,3:50,6:50  
■ Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 1:30,4:30,7:40,10:40  
■ 2012 (PG-13) 3:00,6:40,10:10  
■ C'mas Carol 3D (PG) 2:00,4:20,6:45,9:10  
■ Precious: Novel (R) 1:50,4:40,7:20,9:55

### OAK PARK LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

1022 Lake Street  
630-444-FILM #560  
■ Princess-Frog (G) 12:00,2:15,4:30,6:45,9:00  
■ Everybody (PG-13) ★ 12:40,2:50,5:00,7:10,9:20  
■ Fantastic Fox (PG) 10:05,3:10,5:15,7:20,9:25  
■ Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 1:30,4:20,7:15,10:00  
■ The Blind Side (PG-13) 1:00,4:05,7:00,9:40  
■ 2012 (PG-13) 12:00,3:15,6:30,9:45  
■ C'mas Carol 3D (PG) 12:10,2:25,4:40,6:45,9:10  
■ Precious: Novel (R) 1:50,4:40,7:20,9:55

### CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)

1715 MAPLE AVE.  
(847)492-0123  
■ Christmas Carol (PG) ★ 3:50,9:50  
■ Invictus (PG-13) ★ 11:40,12:50,2:40,4:05,5:40,7:10,8:40,10:10  
■ The Blind Side (PG-13) ★ 2:35,8:35  
■ Princess-Frog (G) ★ 11:50,2:10,4:50,7:15,9:40  
■ Up in the Air (R) ★ 11:35,12:20,2:15,4:00,4:55,6:40,7:35,9:20,10:15  
■ Up in the Air (R) ★ 12:30,3:10,5:50,8:30  
■ C'mas Carol 3D (PG) ★ 1:55,3:55,8:35  
■ Armored (PG-13) ★ 1:20,2:20,3:40,4:50,6:40,7:30,8:50,9:45  
■ Brothers (R) ★ 1:20,2:20,3:40,4:50,6:40,7:25,10:10  
■ Everybody (PG-13) ★ 1:20,2:20,3:40,4:50,7:20,9:55  
■ Ninja Assassin (R) 12:25,2:55,5:30,7:55,10:30  
■ Old Dogs (PG) 3:05,7:45  
■ Planet 51 (PG) 12:40,2:55,6:50,10:05  
■ Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 1:30,4:30,7:40,10:40  
■ 2012 (PG-13) 3:00,6:40,10:10  
■ C'mas Carol 3D (PG) 2:00,4:20,6:45,9:10  
■ Precious: Novel (R) 1:20,2:20,5:20,7:50,10:20  
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■ Fantastic Fox (PG) 12:05,2:25,4:45,7:05,9:25  
■ The Road (R) 11:45,2:20,5:00,7:40,10:25  
■ Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 11:35,12:45,2:45,4:45,6:50,8:50,10:50

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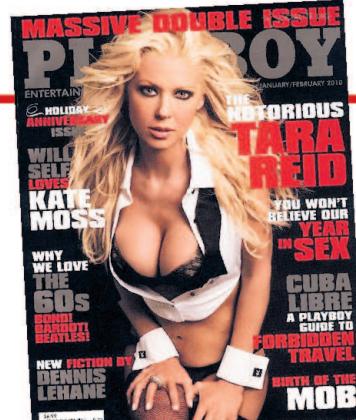
# red hot

## TURNING 20 WITH CLASS

America's favorite little country darlin' turned 20 on Sunday. She celebrated by getting raging drunk and making out with Robert Pattinson. Please. Taylor Swift actually held a Christmas-themed bash at her family's home in Tennessee, according to [eonline.com](#), and she and her mother did almost all the cooking. Swift also donated \$250,000 to schools across the country.



Swift  
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"I've grown up a lot. ... I lived a lot of years in the public eye. But if you look at me now, that's not who I am anymore ... I'm not 'Girls Gone Wild' anymore."

—Tara Reid, in the January/February issue of *Playboy*, in which she appears topless



### Loved, and yet somehow shunned

The Killers have sold millions of albums, headlined music festivals and are worshiped by fans. But Rolling Stone readers still feel the Las Vegas rockers got the shaft the past 10 years. In a recent poll, The Killers' 2006 LP "Sam's Town" was voted the most underrated album of the decade by readers.

### HOT DATE

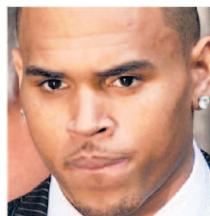
## March 18

That's when Lady Gaga and Cyndi Lauper's shades of lipstick come out for MAC's Viva Glam spring campaign. The MAC AIDS fund has raised more than \$150 million since 1994.



### Lohan's castoffs can be yours

Best holiday gift for a frenemy: Lindsay Lohan's old clothes. According to [usmagazine.com](#), you now can purchase LiLo's Zac Posen top for the low, low price of \$35. Frye cowboy boots are a steal at \$275. Buy now at [lohanhouse.com](#) and perhaps she'll throw in a Twitter outburst. No word on whether the items have been laundered.



### Brown shuts down

Chris Brown seems to be tweeted out. After a weekend filled with profanity-laced tweets in which he slammed Walmart for not carrying his new CD, Brown halted his Twitter account Monday, according to [eonline.com](#).

Walmart, BTW, disputed Brown's contention, saying its stores do carry his CD, but the disc has sold out in some locations.



### Product-placement baby

Babies make the best advertisements. Kourtney Kardashian welcomed her first child with boyfriend Scott Disick early Monday morning. His name is Mason Dash Disick; Dash also is the name of the family's boutique.

Kardashian  
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